

Step 5: Adding background music to your story

Adding background music that plays during your story is one way to enhance your lesson. A different piece of music can play for each picture or for a group of pictures.

The **Select Music** option lets you choose a piece of music from your computer, a network folder, or the Internet.

The **Create Music** option lets you customize prerecorded pieces and styles of music by selecting the genre, style, bands, mood, tempo, and intensity of the music.

1. To select the music for your story, select a picture. Then select a piece of music to start playing when the picture is displayed in your story.
2. The picture you select is the anchor image, and indicates where you want the music to start playing. The anchor image is indicated by a musical note displayed beneath the picture in the film strip.
3. The music you select plays until one of the following events occurs:
 - The music ends.
 - An anchor image that specifies a new piece of music be played is encountered.
 - The story ends.
4. You can replace a piece of music for an anchor image by selecting a different piece of music or by dragging a music file onto the anchor image in the film strip.

Figure 5: Photo Story 3 for Windows-Adding background music to your Photo



Story

This photo is a screen shot from Microsoft's Photostory 3 software.

If the anchor image is deleted from the story, the music and any other customizations associated with the anchor image are also deleted from the story.

When you add background music to your story, a music strip appears above the film strip. The music strip displays the name of each piece of music that is added to your video story. The music strip is color-coded for each piece of music in the story. Photo story automatically adjusts the amount of time a piece of music will play in your story when any of the following occurs:

- A picture is added to a group of pictures.
- A picture is deleted from a group of pictures.
- A picture is moved to a different place in the story.
- Another piece of music is added to the story.
- The story ends.